

...about Medicines Information (MI) services

- ◆ MI is a UK-wide NHS pharmacy-based service aimed at supporting the safe, effective, and efficient use of medicines at both local and national level.
- ◆ The service has two broad functions. To support:
 - medicines management within NHS organisations, and
 - the pharmaceutical care of individual patients.
- ◆ There are 14 regional centres and 250 local centres in the UK. These centres work closely together to provide a 'virtual' national service.
- ◆ MI centres are staffed by individuals with clinical expertise and particular skills in locating, assessing, and interpreting information about medicines.
- ◆ MI provides an enquiry answering service on all aspects of drug therapy (e.g. adverse effects, drug interactions, and drug administration). Over 200,000 enquiries are handled each year.
- ◆ MI also works with NHS organisations on: horizon scanning, critical appraisal, adverse event monitoring, training, and the production of guidelines and publications about medicines.
- ◆ The [Welsh Medicines Information Centre \(WMIC\)](#) in Cardiff is the regional centre for Wales. The WMIC is also the UK specialist centre for advice on complementary medicines and drugs in porphyria.
- ◆ The MI service in Wales includes membership of the [Welsh Medicines Partnership](#) and support for the [All Wales Medicines Strategy Group](#). It also links with the [Yellow Card Centre for Wales](#).
- ◆ For further information on contacting your local MI centre in Wales see www.wmic.wales.nhs.uk/contact.php.